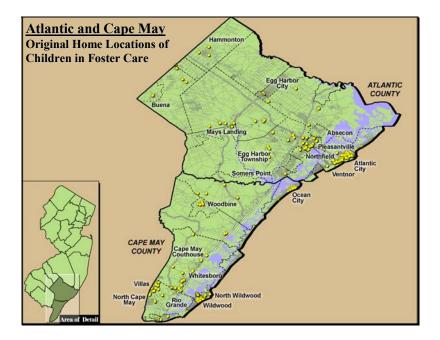


This map shows where child abuse and neglect was alleged to have occurred in the two counties during 2001. The size of the bubble represents the number of reports for a specific location, such as an apartment building or a residential program.

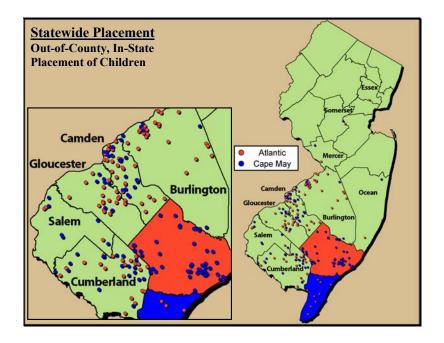
In Atlantic County, which ranked tenth in the state for abuse/neglect referrals per 1,000 children (20.3 per 1,000), the greatest number of child abuse and neglect allegations occurred in Atlantic City (407), Pleasantville (153) and Egg Harbor Twp. (146).

In Cape May County, which ranked first in the state for alleged child abuse and neglect per 1,000 children (44.5 per 1,000), North Cape May and Villas, which are in Lower Twp. (249), Wildwood City (206) and Middle Twp. (187), which includes the cities of Cape May Court House, Whitesboro and Rio Grande, had the highest numbers of alleged incidents of child abuse and neglect.



As of June 2003, a total of 544 children from Atlantic and Cape May counties are in foster care. Nearly 60 percent of these children (57.7%) are from Atlantic County (314), with 62 percent of these children coming from Atlantic City (195).

In Cape May County, 230 children are in foster care. Nearly 60 percent come from Wildwood City (68) and Middle Twp. (66).



As of June 2003, slightly less than half (47.2 %) of the 544 children in foster care from these two counties have been placed in foster homes located outside their own county. The majority of these children were placed in foster homes in South Jersey.

Atlantic County has 41 percent of its children placed in out-of-county foster homes (129 children). Nearly 60 percent of those out-of-county placements are in Camden (29), Gloucester (23) and Burlington (22) counties.

Cape May County placed 56 percent (128) of its children in out-of-county foster homes. More than half (55.6%) of those children were placed in Atlantic (46) and Cumberland (25) counties.